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SUBJECT: POLISH PRESS COMMENTARY ON RESUMPTION OF MBFR TALKS

1. ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON SEPT 14 AND TRYBUNA LUDU ON SEPT 19 CARRIED SIMILAR ARTICLES MARKING RESUMPTION OF THE MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA. RECAPITULATION THE POSITIONS OF THE WARSAW PACT AND WESTERN DELEGATIONS, THEY BOTH STRESS THE SERIOUS DIFFERENCES REMAINING BUT EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT AGREEMENT CAN ULTIMATELY BE REACHED SO THAT "POLITICAL DETENTE" WILL BE "COMPLEMENTED BY MILITARY DETENTE", AS TRYBUNA LUDU PUTS IT.

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2. THE ARTICLES REPEAT STANDARD WARSAW PACT CRITICISMS OF

THE WESTERN PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY THEIR EXCLUSION OF AIR FORCES, NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE BUNDESWEHR IN THE FIRST PHASE REDUCTIONS, AND THEIR RELIANCE ON THE CONCEPT OF "ASYMMETRY" WHICH DISADVANTAGES THE WARSAW PACT. THE ARTICLES ARGUE THAT, IN CONTRAST, THE WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS ACCORD WITH THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN BOTH TIMING AND SCOPE SO AS NOT TO PREJUDICE THE SECURITY OF EITHER SIDE.

3. THE LENGTHIER ZYCIE WARSAWY ARTICLE IS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF THE SYMMETRY ARGUMENT, CONTENDING THAT IS IS BASED ON THE "PRETENSE", LONG RECONGNIZED AS UNSUITABLE, OF A "ZERO SUM" WHERE A POINT FOR ONE SIDE MEANS A LOSS FOR THE OTHER. THE ARTICLE STRESSES THAT POSITIVE RESULTS TO DATE IN THE WHOLE SEQUENCE OF EAST-WEST TALKS RESULT FROM THE FACT THAT NONE HAS LOST AND ALL HAVE GAINED, INCLUDING THE WORLD AT LARGE. IN THE MBFR CONTEXT, THE ARTICLE CONTENDS, ONLY THE WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS PROMISE A SIMILAR RESULT, IT CONCLUDES THAT, GIVEN THE GENERALLY FAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE, THE DIFFICULTIES AT VIENNA CAN BE OVERCOME "IF EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES TO THE FORMULATION OF AN AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL".
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